

THE SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT and the NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL TAKE IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES TO SCHOOL



Last month, Lieutenant Emmanuel Nelson, Traffic Safety Unit Officer Rory Alberto, and Public Service Aides Wanda Flores and Jose Diaz participated in Career Day at Linda Lentin Elementary School in Miami. The representatives from the Surfside Police Department were welcomed by Surfside Vice-Mayor/Linda Lentin Vice-Principal, Frank MacBride, who had invited the officers to attend.

A special guest appearance by the National Crime Prevention Council's "McGruff the Crime Dog" was a highlight for the children, as they rushed out of their seats to greet him as he entered their classrooms. The Surfside

Officers & McGruff managed to visit all the grades and shared their youth oriented, crime prevention strategies. The students learned about the role of police officers in the community, what constitutes "Stranger Danger", the importance of reporting bullies, when to dial 911, how to be more aware of their surroundings, and they were cautioned about being alone on the streets or in bus shelters. These critical warnings can never be repeated often enough and could potentially save a child's life. The officers are to be commended for bringing their safety messages to our area schoolchildren.

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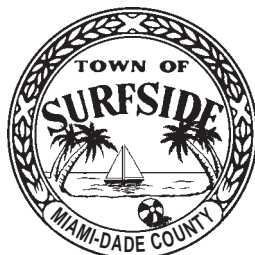
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Happy Mother's Day!

FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Surfsiders,

During the first quarter of last year, the Surfside Police issued 338 traffic citations. In the first quarter of 2005, 1771 traffic tickets were issued - a stunning... no, astounding 424% increase. The Officers who comprise the newly established Traffic Safety Unit are to be commended for the significant impact they have made towards reducing the volume of speeding motorists & stop sign violators. The Police have been requested to intensify the patrols within the residential neighborhood. Summer is quickly approaching which means more children may be playing outside. Please be careful when you drive. Slow down and stop when it is appropriate.

The Town Commission has been listening to you and changes in the hours of operation at the Surfside Aquatic Facility have occurred. The hours for the pool have been extended on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. If pool use increases during these extra hours, then a further expansion of the pool hours may be considered.

To initiate the process to establish a modernized business code, a Public Workshop was held on Tuesday, March 29 to review the B1 Business District, Section 90-152 of the Surfside Zoning Code. Town Planner, Jack Luft, presented a proposal for a new

code. Based on the comments and suggestions, the ordinance is being amended and another workshop will be scheduled. There will, in fact, be many public hearings in the near future. The hearings will include issues related to the Community Center Project, zoning matters, landscaping, water and sewer system capital improvements and restriction of traffic in the neighborhood. It is important that you participate. Please refer to the Website, the Town Gazette or the bulletin board in the lobby of the Town Hall for meeting notification.

I encourage everyone to mark your calendars. Traditionally, the Town's Memorial Day celebration is well-attended and attracts all ages. We will meet in the Community Center auditorium on Monday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m. to honor the fallen and respectfully thank our community's Veterans. Children, in particular, appreciate the ceremony because it gives them the opportunity to see, greet and speak to the number of Town residents and friends who have answered the call of duty through multiple wars. In these uncertain times, it must be reassuring for children to know that their neighbors have, and will continue, to defend them. Veterans, if possible, please wear the components of your uniforms and bring your medals and memorabilia to show to the children.

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THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ENHANCES ITS ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICES BY INTRODUCING: "BETTERPLACE"

In addition to the Town Gazette and Website, the Town of Surfside is pleased to announce that as of the beginning of May, it will be introducing a new communications tool called "BetterPlace" to be utilized by residents. "BetterPlace" gives residents another opportunity to express their viewpoints, concerns and suggestions to their Town officials and the administrative departments. This service enables residents to enter requests, and opinions via

the Internet. Easy to follow instructions within the program make it simple for residents to enter and track their issues until resolution. "BetterPlace" can be accessed from the Town's Website (www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer with Internet access. Look for the BetterPlace logo on the home page.



Several Public workshops are occurring in May. Please refer to page 4 for a complete schedule.

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The Recreation Department is offering an exciting, fun-filled Summer Camp program once again. Priority Registration has begun for Surfside residents, so please reserve your child's space early. A brochure has been mailed out to area households detailing the Summer Camp activities. Please call 305-866-3635 for further registration information.

All levels of swimming instruction are offered by the Recreation Department through-out the year. To avoid needless tragedies, please let the Surfside aquatics experts teach your children to swim. South Florida is an area surrounded by water and many residences have a backyard pool. It is imperative that all children (and adults) learn how to swim.

I have been informed by an insurance executive that Windstorm insurance is increasing approximately 300% over last year. Apparently, South Florida has not seen an increase anywhere near this great in at least 30 years. All Surfside residents, as well as most other Miami-Dade County residents, will be receiving this type of increase in the coming months. In checking with the Florida Department of Insurance, this is a political issue currently being addressed in Tallahassee. I hope that you can reach your representatives in Tallahassee while they are discussing this. It appears that we will pay for all the

claims that occurred upstate last year. I think that this kind of increase will be devastating to most of our residents and certainly to all of our residents on fixed incomes. Please give your elected representatives your opinion otherwise this decision might go in favor of private interests and not the public interest. Their e-mail addresses are as follows: Insurance Commissioner, Tom Gallagher tom.gallagher@fldfs.com; Rep. Dan Gelber, District 106, Florida House of Representatives, dan.gelber@myfloridahouse.gov; and Senator Gwen Margolis, District 35, Florida Senate Margolis.gwen@flsenate.gov.

Our excellent Website has come a long way, in a very short period of time, and continues to improve. It is a useful communications tool to keep residents informed. The Town of Surfside has received a new website address www.townofsurfsidefl.gov. My new e-mail is: mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov. Please feel free to contact me at any time with your concerns and issues. I usually answer the messages within a day or two, so do not hesitate to tell me what is on your mind.

Tim Will
Your Mayor

MEMORIAL DAY Veterans Park (8701 Collins Avenue) will be the site for the Town's Memorial Day ceremonies to be held on Monday May 30, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. The event will include the Presentation of Colors, local Boy and Girl Scout troops, as well as special guests. Mayor Tim Will is the Master of Ceremonies. Refreshments will be served.

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager reported that due to beach erosion and other factors, the buoys along the water line have to be moved. He requested that the Commission waive competitive bids and authorize execution of a "Sole Source" contract with American Underwater Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$ 15,390. The Commission unanimously approved the request.

Regarding the Community Center Project, the Town Manager announced that the New Construction Committee met to review the qualifications of the architects that had submitted proposals and hear presentations by the three firms. At the meeting, the Committee ranked the firms. The Russell

Partnership Group ranked first; Synalovsky Gutierrez, Romanik Architects, Inc. was second; followed by Wolfberg, Alvarez & Partners. The Town Manager asked the Commission for authorization to pursue a contract with the Russell Partnership Group in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to produce the study which would assess the feasibility of the combined construction of a new Community Center and library versus renovating the existing Community Center and building a new library facility. The Commission approved the request by a unanimous vote.

In other Community Center matters, the Town Manager reported that the Community Center was due for a 40 year re-certification approximately two

years ago. He noted that because the center was going to be renovated, a needed electrical retrofit had been postponed. In light of the fact that the Community Center Project would now be delayed, the Town Manager recommended that the Town go ahead with the retrofitting. He recommended that the Town waive competitive bidding and authorize an amount not to exceed \$45,000. The Commission expressed concern with spending funds to retrofit a building which may end up demolished, but the Town Manager explained that the work should have been done earlier and strongly recommended that it be done before the summer break when there would be heavy use of the center. The Commission authorized the Town Manager's request, citing safety over expense.

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COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Following the March 24th meeting of the Community Center New Construction Committee, a bilingual survey was sent in April to area households in order to collect community feedback for the proposed Community Center Project. A large number of residents provided their opinions and ideas. The Town Commission and the New Construction Committee thank everyone who responded. Please visit the Town's Website to view the results from the survey. Public Workshops are also scheduled this month to obtain further input from our citizens. Please refer to the May Calendar in this Gazette, the Website or the bulletin board in Town Hall for Workshop dates and times.

THE SURFSIDE EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE SURFSIDE SPEAKER SERIES

A series of FREE educational presentations and forums produced for the benefit of the residents of Surfside to be held in the Surfside Community Center Auditorium, 9301 Collins Avenue.

Upcoming events include:

The Charrette: Creating a Community Vision
Thursday, May 12, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers are:

Maria Crowley, Chief of Miami-Dade Community Planning &
Shailendra Singh, Director of Miami-Dade Urban Design Studio

What is a Charrette? "A Charrette is a consensus-oriented process. It brings together residents and professionals to collaborate and create a Town design plan.

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods
Sunday, June 12, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Featured Speaker:

Marguerite Beckford, University of Florida IFAS Extension, FYN Program

Just in time for summer planting....

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program can help you transform your yard into a beautiful oasis that will not only conserve precious water resources and reduce pollution, but will save time, energy and money. Learn how you can earn the "Florida Certified Yard" designation and yard sign.

BAYNANZA 2005



Pictured: (from left to right): Melissa Moonves, Bayanza Coordinator; Stacie Barrett, Recreation Department Coordinator; Tim Milian, Recreation Department Director; Eleanor Will and Mayor Tim Will.

Surfside Community Center hosted a fun day in the sun on Saturday, April 16th. Surfside residents, the Mayor and several Commissioners worked side by side to assist Miami-Dade County and the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) in the 23rd Biscayne Bay Cleanup known as Bayanza. This was a spectacular event, established to help keep our beaches clean and our natural resources cared for. We thank everyone who participated.



SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER: SPRING HOURS OF OPERATION
MAY

EXPANDED Community Pool Hours:	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sun Tues-Thurs-Sat	9:00 am-5:00 pm 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Game Room Hours: Friday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm		

Adult Education Classes

Yoga		Oil Painting/Drawing	
Tuesday	9 - 11 am	Ages: Adults	Thursday 10 - 12:30 pm
Thursday	9 - 11 am	Ages: 55+	Thursday 12:30 - 2:30 pm
Water Aerobics		Current Events/Adult Life Stages	
Wednesday	10 - 11 am	Ages: Adults	Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Conversational Spanish 1		• All Adult Classes are Free except Spanish classes. Fees for Spanish classes are \$48.00. • Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for scheduling information.	
Wednesday	12 - 1:30 pm		
Conversational Spanish 2 & 3			
Wednesday	1:30 - 3:35 pm	Ages: Adults	

SURFSIDE "TENNIS CENTER"

NEW PROGRAMS:		
Junior Introduction to Tennis (Competitive)	Adult Group Class	Adult Competition
Monday May 2 & Wednesday May 4	Level: Advanced Beginner	Level: Intermediate Players
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm	Time: Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30 pm	Time: Monday 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Ages: 9 - 11 years	Reservations: Required, as space is limited for quality purposes	Fees: \$12 (includes balls, court fees and professional supervision)
Fees: \$10 per session (Includes Awards)	Fees: \$15	
Reservations: Required		
Monday	Adult Beginner Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday	Adult Intermediate Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday	Adult Competition	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday	Tiny Tot Group Class	8:30 am - 9:30 am
	Jr. Group Class (6-8 years)	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Sunday	Adult Competition (Intermediate)	10:00 am - 12:00 pm



For more information call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176

SURFWATCH BLOCK

Crime Prevention Workshop: The next Town of Surfside Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The 45 minute workshop will be held at the Surfside Municipal Building, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided.	Emmanuel Nelson, and community oriented policing Officer Al Perez of the Miami-Dade Police Department, will be the featured speakers. If you invite a friend to this important workshop you will both receive a complimentary gift, courtesy of the Surfside Police Department.
The workshop will focus on how to keep your homes and businesses from being burglarized. Surfside Police Lieutenant	For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or for a free residential and commercial survey, please contact Lieutenant Emmanuel Nelson at 305-861-4862. The Police Department e-mail address is: Surfsidepd@the-beach.net.

Con't. from Pg.2 SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Regarding the Metro Dade Transit bus Route "R" which travels on Dickens Avenue, the County requested that the Town make a formal request to move the route. The Commission directed the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to draft a Resolution requesting that the route be moved away from Dickens Avenue. The Town Manager was also asked to look into ways the Town Mini-Bus could alleviate potentially displaced riders.	the Town of Hypoluxo's 50th year of incorporation. He noted that in celebration, the Town of Hypoluxo would be replicating the Barefoot Mailman's walk from Miami Beach to Hypoluxo.	www.MiamiSao.com for more information.
The Town Manager announced that the Town website has been changed to www.townofsurfsidefl.gov and that staff e-mail addresses have also been changed. He noted that, if the old website address is entered, you will be redirected to the new website address.	Mr. Frank Piloto of the office of Katherine Fernandez Rundle, the State Attorney, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, gave a presentation regarding Justice in Motion (JIM), a Community Outreach Program. JIM, a 37-foot mobile office equipped with state-of-the-art technology, is used for community-based interviewing of victims and witnesses and public education. Mr. Piloto invited the Community to participate in the program intended to educate, inform and enhance community relations with the State Attorney's Office, suggesting it can be used at community events, business luncheons, etc. For more information about JIM, please contact a Community Outreach Coordinator at 305-547-0724 or you may also visit the State Attorney's website at	In other matters the Town Commission approved the following:
Ms. Tamia Alvarez received a Proclamation in recognition of her outstanding service as a Teacher at Miami Beach Senior High School. Mayor Will presented a Proclamation in honor of		2. A resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida, urging the Florida Department of Transportation to study and ameliorate the existing traffic conditions at 96th Street and Harding Avenue in Surfside and Bal Harbour. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
		3. A resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida urging the Miami-Dade legislative delegation to utilize the 2004-2005 District Cost Differential (DCD) until such time that a new and equitable calculation for the DCD may be devised by a qualified, unbiased third party. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

BACKYARD COMPOST TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, May 22, 2005, Noon – 2:00 p.m. Lanai Room, Surfside Community Center, 9301 Collins Avenue
Yard trash (landscape waste and grass clippings) comprises approximately 25% of our residential waste stream. Recognizing yard trash as a resource, the Town developed a demonstration project more than two years ago to assess the feasibility of backyard composting. Based on the success of the demonstration project and interest expressed by residents, the Town is offering a series of composting training to its residents. The goals of the compost training program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public education• Resource conservation• Environmental stewardship• Environmental compliance
The training will be facilitated by Dr. Monica Ozores-Hampton, Ph.D., a research fellow at the University of Florida and renowned compost expert. Space is limited to 30 residents, so please call Jackie Rojas at 305-993-1052 to reserve your spot.

SURFSIDE TOURIST BUREAU

Surfside residents and hotel guests were delighted to participate in a Country Western Night which took place at the Community Center on Friday, April 8th. Attendees dressed up for the occasion in cowboy hats and jeans, and they enjoyed "Arline and the Ramblers", who entertained everyone with an outstanding performance of popular country music and square dancing. Together with the Poppy Orchestra, there was music and dancing all evening long. A great time was had by all!	Please join us for our next event Friday, May 13 – Tropical Island Night with Calypso Bands The event will be held in the Community Center Auditorium from 7-10 pm on the above date and is free to Surfside tourists and residents.
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May Calendar***

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M.

Education Committee.....Second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm (05/10/05)
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (05/19/05)

***Planning & Zoning Board Last Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 pm (05/31/05)
*** Note the earlier start time for the Planning & Zoning Board meeting for this month only

Tourist Bureau.....Third Monday of the month, at 9:30 am (05/16/05)

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2005:
Town Hall and the Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

The Community Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS:

Community Center Project *Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. (Auditorium)*

Community Center Project *Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. (Auditorium)*

Backyard Compost Training *Sunday, May 22, at Noon (Lanai Room)*

Community Center Project *Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m. (Auditorium)*

Comprehensive Landscaping Code *Tuesday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. (Commission Chambers)*

***Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. Please verify the information by contacting Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, or visit our Website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov for updates.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wednesday (Session V)
June 8 - Aug 3
Ages 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm
Ages 6 - 10 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Thursday (Session I)
June 9 - Aug 4
Ages 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm
Ages 6 - 10 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Acrobatics and Tumbling:
(Resident \$55 / Non Resident \$85
per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)
Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics.
Note: Registration in Progress
*No Class July 13

Wednesday (Session IV)
June 8 - Aug 3
Ages: 10 - up 5:45 - 6:55 pm

Hip Hop Jazz Dance:
(Resident \$45 / Non Resident \$75
per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)
This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination.
Note: Registration in Progress
*No Class July 13

Wednesday (Session I)
June 8 - Aug 3
Ages: 11 and up 7:00 - 7:55 pm

Kidokinetics:
(Resident \$64 / Non Resident \$80
per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)
GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on a different sport in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop motor skills and self-confidence. We teach the basics of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls. Note: Registration in Progress
Classes will be held at Novack Park (9572 Bay Drive)

Tuesday (Session I)
April 12 - May 31
Ages: 3 - 5 4:45 - 5:30 pm

Learn To Swim:
Note: Registration in Progress

Fees for Weekdays
Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$80
Fees for Weekends
Resident \$25 / Non Resident \$40

Toddler Water Readiness Ages: 1 1/2 - 3
Young children develop a high comfort level of being in the water and around the pool as well as a readiness to learn how to swim.
Weekdays: 3:15 - 3:35 pm
Weekends: 9:15 - 9:45 am

Preschool Swim Lessons Ages: 3 - 5
Preschool age children will learn water adjustment, how to breathe properly, floating and basic arm and leg movements. Weekdays: 3:55 - 4:25 pm
Weekends: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Beginner Swim Lessons Ages: 6 - up
Learn the basic principles of swimming. Personal safety is stressed throughout the course. Weekdays: 4:35 - 5:05 pm
Weekends: 10:45 - 11:15 am

Weekday Classes:
Monday through Thursday
Session III May 2 - May 26

Weekend Classes:
Saturday through Sunday
Session VI May 7 - May 29

Registration begins in May for the Summer: "Learn To Swim Program"
Classes will begin in June.
Please call: 305-866-3635 for further information.



Surfside Community Center
Adult Classes

Yogalates:
(Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$65)
Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.
Note: Registration in Progress

Thursday (Session II)
Apr 21 - June 9 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Yoga:
(Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$65
per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)
Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.
Note: Registration in Progress
*Note: No Class July 4th



Monday (Session IV)
Mar 21 - May 9 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Sunday (Session I)
May 1 - June 19 11:00 - 12:00 pm
Monday (Session V)
May 16 - July 11 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Pilates:
(Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$65
per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)
Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.
Note: Registration in Progress

Tuesday (Session V)
Apr 19 - June 14 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday (Session IV)
Mar 23 - May 11 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday (Session V)
May 18 - July 6 7:00 - 8:00 pm

